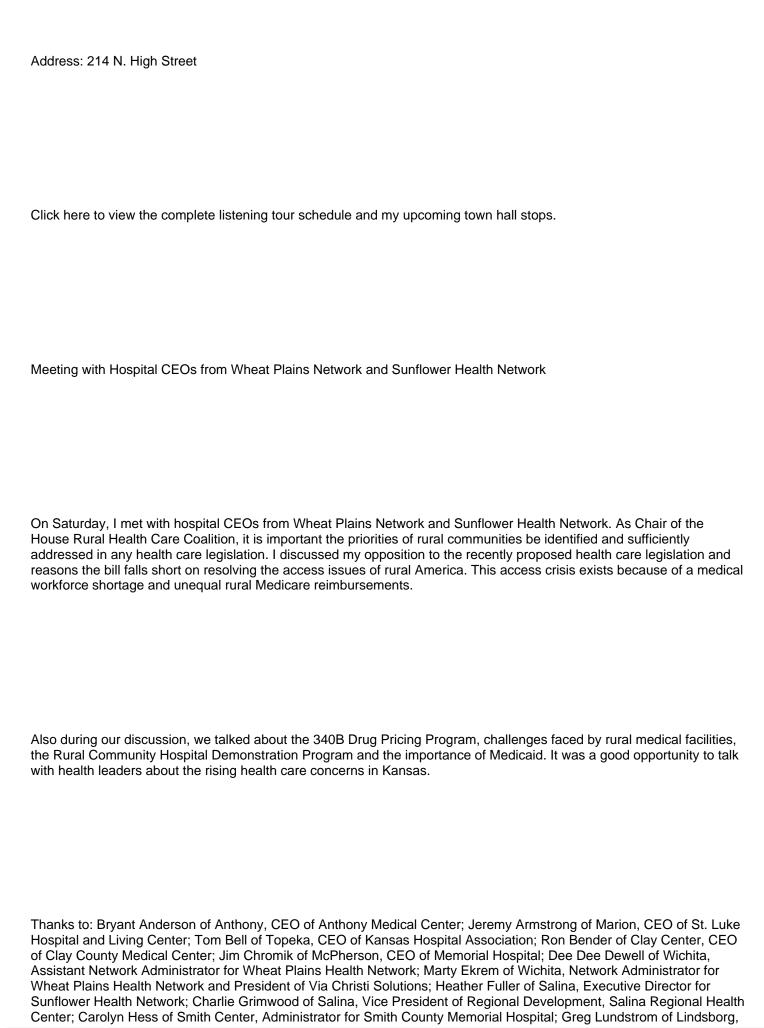
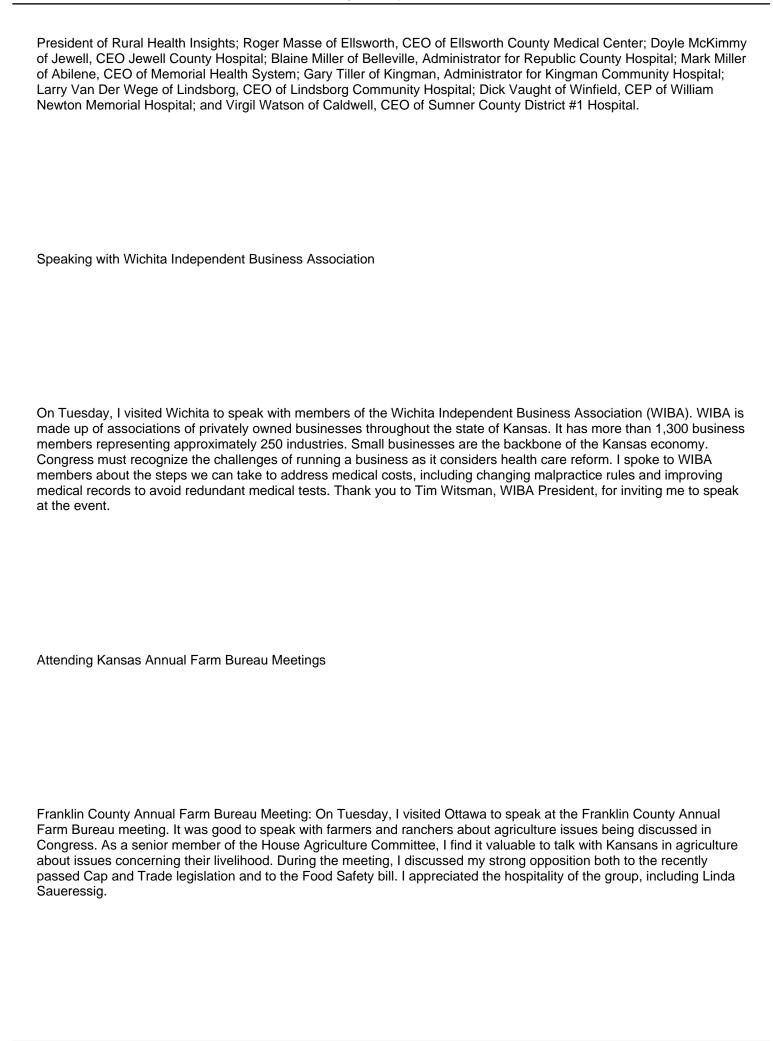
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August 17, 2009
Dear Friend,
Welcome to "This Week in Congress." I hope you find this newsletter useful.
Town Halls
I continued my 2009 Annual Listening Tour with town halls in McPherson, Marion and Chase counties this week. During
each town hall, I was able to visit with a large number of Kansans about their concerns with proposed health care legislation. It is important that citizens use these town halls as a part of the democratic process to voice their concerns about the discussions in Washington, D.C. To view photos from these town hall tour stops, click here.
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In addition to the topic of health care reform, I had the opportunity to speak about the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), No Child Left Behind, irresponsible government spending and my opposition to Cap and Trade legislation. I will be continuing my town halls with the following stops:

Tuesday, August 18 Morton County Tour Stop, Elkhart Time: 7:30 to 8:30 AM Location: Morton County Civic Center Address: 400 E. Orchard Stevens County Tour Stop, Hugoton Time: 9:15 to 10:15 AM Location: Common Grounds Address: 531 S. Main Street Seward County Tour Stop, Liberal

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Chamber of Commerce
Address: 4 Rock Island Road
Saturday, August 29
Smith County Tour Stop, Smith Center
Time: 2:15 to 3:15 PM
Location: Smith County Memorial Hospital, Conference Room
Address: 614 S. Main Street
Jewell County Tour Stop, Mankato
Time: 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Location: Mankato Community Building





Morris County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting: On Thursday, I attended the Morris County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Council Grove. During the meeting I talked about specific issues including: my opposition to Cap and Trade legislation, Food Safety legislation and new environmental regulations. I will continue to work hard to represent Kansas producers so that we can provide the next generation of farmers an opportunity to experience the way of life we enjoy. Thank you to those members who attended the meeting and to Don Day for inviting me to speak.
Spending Time at the Flint Hills Beef Fest in Emporia
On Friday morning, I attended the Flint Hills Beef Fest at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia. I spoke to cattlemen during WIBW Radio's Ag Issues Seminar about issues affecting the beef industry. I told beef producers that as an important livestock state, whatever happens with livestock affects our economy and the pocketbooks of Kansans across the state. I also discussed the 2008 Farm Bill.
Also during the event, I talked about regulations on farmers and ranchers, my opposition to Cap and Trade legislation, irresponsible government spending and my opposition to the current health care reform legislation. Thanks to Kelly Lenz for inviting me to speak at the event.
Attending Northeast Kansas Field Day
On Friday, I attended the Fifth Annual Northeast Kansas Roundup Corn & Soybean Field Day near Horton. The event was hosted by Kansas State University State Research and Extension and held at Olsen Farms. I observed seed plots representing 20 different seed companies. During the event, I visited with farmers about issues affecting their livelihood. Thanks to Commissioner Keith Olsen for inviting me to attend.

Jerry